



Mrs. Wallace Provost, Wasatch County DUP president, checks repairs on pioneer monument necessitated after weather damaged 13-year-old marker.

DUP Renews Marker on Old Industry

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MIDWAY, Wasatch County — A plaque on the Daughters of Utah Pioneer marker at the base of Memorial Hill has been replaced after weather damaged the mortar.

Mrs. Marvel Murdock, Wasatch County DUP monument chairman, said the marker was repaired by Mr. C. P. Breinholt of Heber City.

The monument marks one of Midway's first industries, nearly a century ago.

William Van Wagoner and his brother, John Sr., built a lime kiln in the hillside and successfully operated it for many years.

The lime was a vital building element. The kiln was dug back into the hill, then sealed off to create a virtual oven. Lime rock was burned for three days and nights to remove the impurities and form a sticky lime powder. It cooled 48 hours before being removed.

The lime rock was quarried by blasting it into chunks and 25 tons of rock produced 8 tons of lime.

Much of the lime — used in mortar, plaster and whitewashing — was sold to the Ontario Mining Co. of Park City at 50 cents a bushel delivered. The kiln was abandoned in 1923.

